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GEN HAMLETT CALLED ON GEN ZAKHAROV AUGUST 22. US POLAD
BURNS AND ACTING SOV POLAD SHILOV PRESENT. AFTER USUAL AMENITIES
IN QUITE CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE HAMLETT STATED HIS CONCERN
THAT EAST GERMAN POLICE HARASSING OFFICIAL AMERICAN TRAVELERS
ON HELMSTEDT AUTOBAHN BY STOPPING THEM FOR NO APPARENT
REASON. GAVE DETAILS FAULKNER CASE AS EXAMPLE. OBSERVED
TO ZAKHAROV IT IN MUTUAL INTEREST USSR AND USA AVOID
UNNECESSARY IRRITATION, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW DANGER SERIOUS
INCIDENT COULD DEVELOP WHICH NEITHER SIDE WANTED. SUGGESTED
TO ZAKHAROV HE USE HIS INFLUENCE WITH EAST GERMAN POLICE TO
ELIMINATE THIS HARASSMENT.

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ZAKHAROV SEEMED SURPRISED TO LEARN OF THESE AUTOBAHN
HARASSMENTS AND ASKED IF HAMLETT DID NOT HAVE IN MIND OFFICIAL
AMERICAN TRAVELERS WHO HAD GOTTEN OFF THE AUTOBAHN.

ZAKHAROV SAID THAT IF OFFICIAL TRAVELER WERE OFF THE AUTOBAHN
SOV MILITARY NOT IN POSITION TO RENDER HIM ASSISTANCE.

(ZAKHAROV THUS IMPLIED SOVS ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR OFFICIAL
TRAVELERS ON AUTOBAHN - A VIEW DIRECTLY CONTRARY TO THAT EXPRESSED
IN KOROL'S LETTER JUNE 26 - SEE BERLIN'S G-334 TO BONN,
G-524 TO SECSTATE). HAMLETT REPLIED TO ZAKHAROV'S QUESTION
IN NEGATIVE, ADDING THAT IN SOME CASES TRAVELERS WHO HAD
GOTTEN OFF AUTOBAHN HAD ACTUALLY BEEN HELPED BY EAST GERMAN
POLICE TO FIND THEIR WAY BACK.

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ZAKHAROV CONCLUDED CONVERSATION BY INDICATING IN CAUTIOUS TERMS HE AGREED THAT HARASSMENTS HAMLETT DESCRIBED SEEMED UNNECESSARY AND HE WOULD LOOK INTO MATTER.

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